

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To approve the appointment of Owen Pell Ltd to undertake the landscaping works at a cost of £144,697.25 at Marlbrook Primary School
Date of decision:	6 th July 2021
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families
Authority delegated decision:	<p>The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved on the 27th November 2019. http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6457</p> <p>The Cabinet Decision approved</p> <p>a) the revised business case for the expansion of Marlbrook Primary School at Appendix 1 be approved;</p> <p>b) a revised scheme cost of up to £6.141m be approved (being an additional £1.006m to the previously approved cost); and</p> <p>c) the Director for Children and Families be authorised to take all operational decision necessary to implement the above recommendations within the agreed budget.</p>
Ward:	Redhill
Consultation:	Consultation has taken place with the Strategic Capital Finance Manager, the Assistant Director for Education, Development & Skills and the Chief Finance Officer and all are supportive of the decision. The senior project manager consulted with all senior officers at the project board.

Decision made:	1) To appoint Owen Pell Ltd to undertake landscaping works up to a cost of £144,697.25.
Reasons for decision:	<p>1) The new extension at Marlbrook Primary School was completed in February 2021. However, due to operational difficulties after having major construction works on site for over 12 months, the landscaping works were deferred until the school summer holiday period. Therefore, this decision will enable the completion of the landscaping works required as part of the capital project.</p> <p>2) The costs of the works at £144,697.25 is under the approved budget of £150,000 by £5,302.75. The current approved contingency budget for the project is £305k, to date £58k has been spent and therefore if the full £150k is spent on these works the project would still underspend on the contingency budget by £97k.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The Council has a legal obligation to meet the planning requirements and therefore these works need to be completed.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	1) To not undertake the works and therefore not complete the project as per the planning requirements. This has been rejected because delaying these works would likely create a higher cost to the council taking into account current inflation rates.

**Details of any
declarations
of interest made:**

None Recorded

Signed

Cath Knowles
Director for children and families

Date: 6th July 2021